

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

What is claimed is:

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled):

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A compound selected from:

5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-({[4-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]methyl}oxy)-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{[(1 <i>R</i> )-1-(2-chlorophenyl)ethyl]oxy}}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-(1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl)-3-[(phenylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{[(1-methyl-1 <i>H</i> -1,2,3-benzotriazol-6-yl)methyl]oxy}}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-(6-(methyloxy)-5-{{[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]oxy}}-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl)-3-({[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl}oxy)-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{[(2,5-difluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-({[2-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]methyl}oxy)-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-(5-chloro-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl)-3-[(phenylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{[(2,6-difluorophenyl)methyl]oxy}}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5-[(3-hydroxypropyl)oxy]-6-(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-({[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl}oxy)-2-thiophene-carbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-{{[(3-bromo-4-pyridinyl)methyl]oxy}}-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(cyclohexylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
1-[5-cyano-4-({[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]methyl}oxy)-2-thienyl]- <i>N</i> -[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazole-5-carboxamide

5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-({(1 <i>R</i> )-1-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]ethyl}oxy)-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(2-phenylethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(2-[(trifluoromethyl)oxy]phenyl)methyl]oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-({[2-(methyloxy)phenyl]methyl}oxy)-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethyl]oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[[2-(2-oxo-1-pyrrolidinyl)ethyl]oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(tetrahydro-2-furanylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(tetrahydro-2 <i>H</i> -pyran-2-ylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[[2-(phenyloxy)ethyl]oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[[{(1 <i>S</i> )-1-(2-chlorophenyl)butyl]oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(3-thienylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[(2-thienylmethyl)oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile and
5-[5,6-bis(methyloxy)-1 <i>H</i> -benzimidazol-1-yl]-3-[[{(1 <i>R</i> )-1-methylpropyl]oxy]-2-thiophenecarbonitrile

or a salt thereof.

Claims 11-18 (Cancelled):

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): A pharmaceutical composition, comprising: a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 10, or a salt thereof and one or more of pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, diluents and excipients.